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DELIGHTFUL

Impression Made On a Louisville Visitor to the St. Louis Exposition.

Col. M. Muldoon Says the Show Is the Grandest Thing On Earth.

The Irish Exhibit and Theater Impressed Him Most of All.

IS WELL WORTH GOING TO SEE

Visitors to the St. Louis Exposition generally, and particularly readers of the Kentucky Irish American, will be interested in the observations of a well known and very observant citizen of Louisville, who has just returned from the World's Fair, and who has had facilities for looking at the Exposition on a plane not of the ordinary.

Col. M. Muldoon, of the Muldoon Monument Company, who has visited international expositions in London, Paris, Vienna and other parts of the world during the past thirty years, accorded a representative of the Kentucky Irish American an interview Tuesday upon his return from St. Louis, where he spent twelve days.

"I spent a considerable portion of my time in the Irish exhibit, as it is called," said Col. Muldoon. "In doing so I was but following the trend of almost all of the visitors to the Fair. The Irish Theater and the Irish exhibits generally are more liberally patronized than any of the other attractions at the Exposition. The buildings are always crowded, and there is always something doing. I thought at first that my partiality toward Irish exhibits might prejudice me in their favor, but I have heard from attendants generally that the Irish section was the most attractive to them. These expressions came from Germans, French and Americans. The next most attractive place was the Tyrolean Village, where you can cross the Alps for ten or fifteen cents. I enjoyed both of these places, the Irish exhibit and the Tyrolean, more than anything else at the fair.

"What I want to say particularly," said Col. Muldoon, "is that everybody should go to this Fair. I have seen them all, from the Crystal Palace exhibit in London to the Chicago World's Fair, but they are all country fairs compared with St. Louis, which is stupendous. Just think of a building with forty acres of floor space, such as the agricultural building presents. It is worth while going to see this. It is an education in itself to go to the Fair, and I hope no man or woman in Louisville will miss the opportunity. It is the grandest, greatest and noblest exhibition of art and industry ever presented in any country on the face of the globe."

Returning to the Irish exhibit Col. Muldoon said: "I was amazed and agreeably surprised at the Irish exhibit. Of course I attended the fair during the sessions of the national Democratic convention, and as a matter of course met some of the most distinguished Democrats in the country, among them my old friend Bernard Gallagher, of Brooklyn, N. Y., a distinguished member of Tammany Hall. Mr. Gallagher, like myself, was agreeably surprised at the extent and excellence of the Irish exhibit. We spent many days there with profit. I had no idea of the extent of Irish manufactures, because when I left Ireland I was young, and was led to believe that the manufacturing industries there were not properly developed. Since looking over the exhibits in the Irish section I am convinced that the Irish manufacturers are as well prepared to do business as we are. In the manufacture of linens I heard everybody say that ours looked cheap compared with the Irish exhibits, and in the matter of lace making no American, no matter how boastful, could for a moment argue, after looking at the lace on exhibition in the Irish section, that it could be duplicated anywhere. I suppose it could not myself, because I know nothing of lace making, but when it comes to making lace which costs \$125 a yard, some of which I looked at, I must say we Americans are not in it. I saw one little case of lace in this exhibit which was valued at \$5,000. As the ladies say, it was 'just lovely,' and many came to look at it. In the matter of pottery manufacture and other works of art the Irish exhibit ranks well with any other nation. In fact the exhibit from Ireland outranks any of the others in many ways, in my opinion.

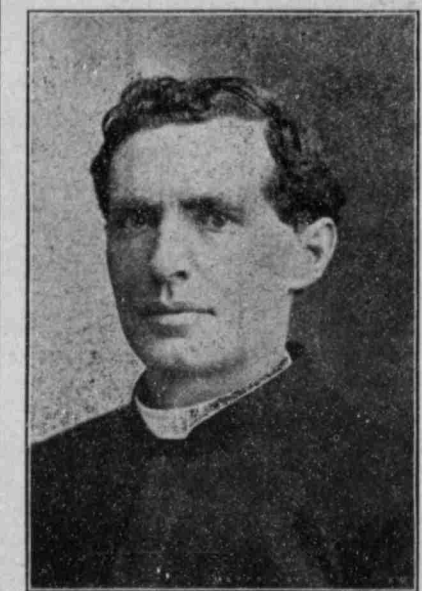
"As to amusement in the Irish section," continued Col. Muldoon, "I must say none of the others compare with it. The Irish Theater is a fine place to spend an hour, two hours, or a day. They have high class attractions. I have heard many good singers, but I have never heard better than some of these in this theater. I certainly never heard 'The Wearing of the Green' sung with such pathetic feeling as it was by a young woman at this theater. She had a pure soprano voice, and did her part well. All of the actors in the Irish Theater are of a high order, and I think Mr. Myles Murphy ought to be congratulated on his success in presenting the plays. The Irish Theater is certainly the most attractive spot on the

grounds, as evidenced by the fact that it is always crowded. "Of course," continued Col. Muldoon, "it is tiresome tramping around at an exposition, but I felt exhilarated by the exercise, though it was very hot. I intend to return to the fair in October, when the weather is more pleasant, and I will spend more of my time looking at the Irish exhibits, for they are certainly well worth going ten thousand miles to see."

GETS SPLENDID SITE.

Father Lynch Will Erect New Parochial School at Henderson.

The Kentucky Irish American has just learned that Rev. Edward Lynch, rector of Holy Name church at Henderson, has at last realized his ambition and secured a magnificent site for his parochial school and will soon proceed with the erection of a fine building. The Holy Name parochial school is surpassed by none in the diocese, but for some years the pupils were taught in two separate buildings, causing much inconvenience and loss of time. Father Lynch has long been desirous of replacing the two separated



frame houses with a large brick building, and this will now be done. With this end in view he succeeded in purchasing the lot on which the recently burned tobacco factory stood. The lot is on a corner only one square from the church, 200 x 200 feet, and on a thoroughfare 100 feet wide. Father Lynch and the Sisters, believing parochial schools should lead, long ago arranged for a course of study that will fit any boy or girl for a business career.

The pupils of Holy Name parish school are taught music, stenography and typewriting and book-keeping in all branches.

ORANGEISM

On the Wane in Ireland, But Some Yet Curse the Pope.

In the gay city of Belfast, where lovers of civil and religious liberty are so prone to try upon Papists the persuasion of well aimed paving stones to awake them to the error of their ways, Lord Dudley, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has been making a speech and giving some hints, each as broad as a barndoor, to the gentlemen who put so much trust in the pathos of the paving stones, writes Suemas MacManus. He told them with considerable bluntness that if Ireland would progress narrow intolerance must be shut off. "Every one of my audience," he said, "knows well to what I refer." His audience, far from taking it in as he must have anticipated, cheered him thunderously, and a burly hero of a hundred fights from Sandy Row arose to his feet and shouted: "Bully for you, sir; pitch into the Papishers."

Orangeism is now on its last legs. It has been for a hundred years fostered by the landlord and the ascendancy party in Ireland as the best means of keeping Irishmen of different religious asunder and holding themselves in power. Of late years the eyes of every intelligent Orangeman have been opening and they have found that they were being made fools of to serve the personal interests of people who in their hearts despised them. Year by year the ascendancy party were being shorn of their power, and as they lost their power they lost, too, all interest in Orangeism, which now totters and will soon disappear. His Holiness the Pope is the big bogie of all Orangemen, and their most fervent prayer, which they love to pray in public places and from the house-tops, is that the Pope may have a front seat and a short poker in the next world—only they put it in blunder terms.

Portadown, with Belfast, is one of the greatest and last strongholds of Orangeism. A Portadown man arrested in London some time ago for cursing the Pope and brought before the Magistrate was being remonstrated with: "I do not know," the Magistrate said, "why you curse the Pope. Though I myself am not of his following, I think the Pope is not such a bad man that he deserves to be cursed. Do you in your heart think that he is so bad?" "Your Honor," the Portadown man replied in all earnestness, "you may be right. It might happen, indeed, that he is not the rascal they make out, but let me tell you," he added, taking the Magistrate into his confidence, "let me tell you that he hasn't a good name about Portadown."

HIBERNIANS.

National Convention to Be Held in St. Louis During the Coming Week.

This Will Be the Largest Gathering of the Order Ever Held Anywhere.

Louisville and Kentucky Will Be Well Represented by Leading Irishmen.

A GREAT BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

The meeting of the national convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians in St. Louis during the coming week will have an interest for all Catholics and all Irish-Americans. Louisville and Kentucky will be well represented. The meeting this year will attract thousands of Irishmen to St. Louis who do not belong to the order on account of the attractions at the great Exposition. The Ancient Order is strong in St. Louis and all the societies in that city will vie with each other in entertaining the delegates and visitors. It promises to be a great convention, not only in point of attendance, but likewise in the importance of the matters to be discussed. The most prominent men in the order from all over the country will be there.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the greatest Catholic national organization in the world today, and it ought to be after its 200 years of existence. It does more for charity than any other benevolent society and its membership, while not made up of the wealthy, is ever ready to aid in the cause of church and charity. The Ancient Order of Hibernians was the first to contribute a large sum—\$50,000—to the Catholic University in Washington City to found a chair of Irish history. It has ever been ready to lead in good works. In every city in the country its local membership is doing things to help the cause of church and fatherland. The order ought to have a larger membership in Louisville and in Kentucky. Every Irishman should join this great society. The expense of keeping up dues is trivial, compared with the amount of good accomplished.

The Kentucky Irish American has done its share toward creating interest in the coming convention in St. Louis by sending four persons to the Exposition during Hibernian week, paying their hotel and railroad expenses. These four persons are Mr. and Mrs. Michael Reichert, Miss Mamie Riley and Lieut. Thomas Fitzgibbon. These were voted the most popular persons in the popularity contest, and it goes without saying they will enjoy the trip and the many entertainments provided at the Fair for the entertainment of the Ancient Order, including the Irish games and athletic sports.

State President Thomas Keenan, of Louisville, who always takes a deep interest in Hibernian affairs, will head the Kentucky delegation to the convention and has made all arrangements for the trip. He will be accompanied by Vice President John Hennessey, Treasurer George J. Butler and Secretary Joseph P. McGinn, of the State Board, and County President Patrick Sullivan, of this city. Covington Hibernians will be ably represented by Judge Michael T. Shine, always a prominent figure in the national councils of the order. Ashland will send County President Burdes, and Paris will enter the national body with County President Grace. The Kentucky Irish American will also be represented.

GONE TO REST.

People and Pupils of Dominican Parish Mourn Death of Sister Mary Zita.

The Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine's have sustained another loss to their sorely tried community in the death of Sister Mary Zita Cambren, which occurred Monday afternoon at the temporary residence of a portion of the homeless Sisterhood, 575 West St. Catherine street. The deceased had been an invalid in the mother house at the time of the disastrous fire of January 3, and the subsequent excitement and exposure to the severity of that dread night in all likelihood hastened her demise. She was naturally of a robust physique and buoyant temperament, but a spirit of unselfish devotion to her work made her unmindful of her condition until it was too late for medical science to save her generous life.

Sister Mary Zita was born about thirty-one years ago in the parish of St. Rose, near Springfield, Ky. She received her early education in St. Rose's school, then in charge of the Dominican Sisters. Her genial disposition always made her a general favorite. Generous to a fault, devoted to her friends, but still more given to exercises of piety, she did not surprise those who knew her when, some fourteen years ago, she renounced the world and gave herself up to the service of God in the religious life. She was admitted to her profession January 6, 1892. Shortly afterward she was assigned to Lowell, Mass., where she taught in the parochial schools of St. Michael's church with

marked success about four years. Later she served in a like capacity in the parochial school of St. Louis Bertrand's church of this city. During some three years of teaching here she endeavored herself to her pupils by her zealous care of them and made for herself a host of friends among their parents and relatives, by whom she will undoubtedly be held in long and loving remembrance.

Sister Zita is survived by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Cambren, and several brothers and sisters, of Springfield, Ky. For several months after the destruction of St. Catherine's she was tenderly cared for by the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's Infirmary. She bore her long and trying illness with singular fortitude, and at length, fortified by the sacrament and the last rites of the church, she gave up her sweet, pure soul to God, surrounded by the Sisters of her own afflicted community.

Her funeral services were held at St. Louis Bertrand's church Tuesday morning. A solemn high mass was sung for the repose of her soul by the Very Rev. J. R. Volz, O. P., Prior, assisted by the Very Rev. E. A. Martin, O. P., as deacon, and the Rev. A. C. Kernan, O. P., as sub-deacon. A large congregation was present at the ceremonies and it was no little tribute to the memory of the deceased that many of the little ones whom she had had as pupils in life were there giving way with unrestrained weeping to the grief they felt for their departed teacher and friend.

The pall-bearers, prominent members of St. Louis Bertrand's congregation, were Messrs. D. J. Meagher, Thomas Tobin, Denis Callaghan, Thos. Morgan, T. O'Sullivan and John J. Barry. The remains were taken to Springfield Tuesday evening and were consigned, after further ceremonies and rites of the Dominican Order, to their last resting place Wednesday morning in the little cemetery near the ruins of St. Catherine's Convent. May her soul rest in peace.

BISHOPS INVITED

To Rome to Celebrate Anniversary of Immaculate Conception.

Pope Pius X. has officially invited all Roman Catholic Bishops of the world to come to Rome next December to take part in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the promulgation of the immaculate conception. Bishops residing near Rome are commanded to come; those at a distance formally invited merely. It is said that while many will accept, many will not do so, having recently been to Rome and unable again to leave their duties. All will, however, be officially represented, and there will be in Rome a solemn consistory, presided over by the Pope himself. A part of the work of this consistory will be voting upon the canonization of the Cure of Ars and the blessed Alexander Sauli of the Barnabite order. It is expected that their canonization will be proclaimed at this time. Immaculate conception of the Virgin Mary has been a dogma of the Roman Catholic church since December 8, 1854, on which date it was proclaimed as such by Pope Pius IX. It is that the Virgin was conceived and born without original sin.

FEDERATION.

Catholic Societies Ably Defended by Bishop McFaul.

In an address before the Federation of Catholic Societies of Pennsylvania Bishop McFaul said in part: "If all the descendants of our Catholic forefathers had remained true to their faith, there would be more than 40,000,000 Catholics in the United States today, instead of 15,000,000. There is hardly a Protestant family in the country that has not had one of its ancestors a convert from the Catholic church."

The Bishop denied that the National Federation of Catholic Societies, now numbering 1,500,000 members, caused ill-feeling between Catholics and Protestants. The Federation, he said, aimed to make an educational campaign to banish ignorance in regard to the Catholic church. "We want to make friends, not enemies," he said. "But we have grievances. This is our own fault. There are many weak-kneed Catholics—jellyfish, who deprecate anything that might create opposition. We do not want a Catholic party. It would be far better for us were more equally divided between the two great parties."

FOR A WORTHY CAUSE.

Picnic at Glenwood For Benefit of St. Edward's City Hospital.

On Tuesday next a picnic and euchre will be given all day and evening at Glenwood Park for the benefit of St. Edward's City Hospital in New Albany. Admission will be free. Glenwood is on the banks of Silver creek and is reached by the New Albany and Jeffersonville street car lines. There ought to be a big crowd. The Sisters of St. Francis conduct the hospital, which is the greatest charity in New Albany. An elegant supper will be served by the ladies' sewing circle, twenty-five cents being charged adults and children fifteen cents.

BOURBON COUNTY

Irishmen Extend a Most Cordial Greeting to Louisville Brethren.

Big Hibernian Gathering Witnessed Initiation of Sixty-One Candidates.

Splendid Exemplification of Ritual by Picked Degree Team.

DAY TO BE LONG REMEMBERED

Irishmen and Irish-Americans of Bourbon county, and especially those of Paris, will ever remember last Sunday as one of great rejoicing, exalted in character and noble in purpose, the occasion being the conferring of honors upon a class of sixty-one candidates recently elected members of Division 1 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians of Bourbon county. The degrees were conferred by a team carefully selected from the four divisions of Louisville, and the work was done in a manner pronounced the best ever seen in Kentucky.

As previously stated in these columns, at a conference of the State officers and Jefferson County Board it was decided to visit Paris last Sunday and render the new division there all the assistance possible. Therefore when the Chesapeake & Ohio train pulled out from Seventh-street station it had on board Messrs. Thomas Keenan, John Hennessey, George Butler and Joe McGinn, State officers; Patrick Sullivan, Joe Dougherty, Patrick Welsh, John J. Sullivan, Thomas Quinn and Peter Cusick, of the County Board; Joe Cooney, Thomas Callahan, Owen Keiran, James Barry, Thomas Dolan, James Coleman, John Mulloy, Denny Coleman, Nick Sheridan, Patrick Nelligan, Tom Riley, Joe Lynch, Tim Lyons, Tom Lynch, John Dwan, Edward Regan, Edward Gilmore, Will Hennessey, James Burns, David O'Connell, Thomas Walsh, Patrick Liston, Will J. Connelly, Thos. Lynch and several others whose names we failed to get. When the crowd reached Frankfort the citizens of the capital thought all the Irishmen in Louisville were there. The train reached Lexington on time, where the delegation was met at the depot by a reception committee headed by County President Grace, Messrs. Flanagan, Connors and others, and escorted to the chartered car for the run to Paris. Upon reaching their destination the visitors were taken to the hall, where a short rest was taken while refreshments and cigars were served. The next move was to Connor's Hotel, where a carefully prepared banquet was served.

At precisely 2:30 o'clock the initiatory ceremonies began, the entire procession of sixty-one candidates and the guard of honor proceeding directly to the Patriarchal. This was a grand sight, indeed, the whole scene being solemnly impressive and instructive. The advent of the new members, who are all representative men, was received with feelings of rejoicing. Never before did a degree team give such an exemplification of the ritual and the noble purposes of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Old and new members were impressed, and the general regret was that there was not more time. The work was completed only a few minutes before it was time to leave for the return trip, therefore speech-making had to be eliminated, the few minutes remaining being given to Attorney Thomas Walsh to express the feelings of the men from Louisville, who said in part:

On behalf of the representatives of the Louisville divisions I thank you one and all for the splendid reception and royal hospitality which you have extended us on this happy occasion. From the time we landed in Lexington and were taken in charge by your committee and served the splendid banquet at the Connor Hotel until this good moment we have been recipients of the old-fashioned hospitality for which our State is famous and for which, above all places within the State the Blue Grass section is especially noted. From all we have seen and received today we can cheerfully endorse the sentiment that says that this is God's country. My brothers, I also take pleasure in congratulating you upon the large attendance of members on this occasion and above all upon the very large class of applicants that are seeking admission into our noble order. When I say noble order I mean every word I say, because it is an order "rock ribbed and ancient as the soil," established in every state of the Union, and for that matter all over the world, everywhere engaged in the cause of humanity, in the cause of charity and religion and in the cause of the eternal principles of right and justice and good feeling among its members. In a way it is doing untold good in every community where it exists.

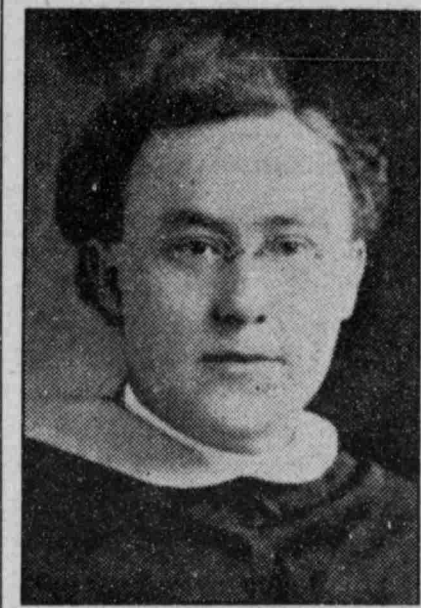
Without sound or trumpet it helps the needy, relieves the distressed, wipes away the widow's and the orphan's tears and gives them substantial relief at that dark hour when most needed. In addition to this it brings all its members into closer bonds of fraternal union, awakens and fosters principles of patriotism for their native land as well as the land of their adoption, and encourages the love of all that is ennobling, elevating and

beneficial to each other. It aims to fill its members with the honorable ambition to become successful citizens of every community in which they live. It teaches them to discharge all their duties in all their relations of life to family, church and State, and thereby become towers of strength of this great republic, whose glory is our glory and whose prosperity becomes the common prosperity of every citizen that finds shelter and repose beneath its flag. These are the sentiments and these the principles that are inculcated by our noble order, and if you follow these through life you shall never regret the day you became a member of the grand old order of Ancient Order of Hibernians. Again I thank you for the glorious welcome and reception you have extended the divisions from Louisville.

FATHER MARTIN

Leaves to Become Prior of St. Catherine's, New York City.

Rev. E. A. Martin, O. P., for years one of the most popular priests at St. Louis Bertrand's church on Sixth street, has



been called from Louisville to the great regret of the entire congregation, who had learned to love him for his Christian zeal and piety. Father Martin goes to St. Catherine's, one of the largest Catholic churches of New York City. He will have charge there and will do even more than previously, when he won the regard and encouragement of the late Archbishop Corrigan. His interest in the children of Limerick was very great, and the best wishes of all will follow him to his new field.

GOOD EXAMPLE

Set by Division 4 in the Entertainment of Ladies' Auxiliary.

Division 4 of the Ancient Order of Hibernians did themselves proud in their entertainment of the Hibernian Ladies' Auxiliary Wednesday evening. A short business session was held preceding the reception, at which the following applications for membership were received: William Chaw, Will Broderick, Michael Flahive, Will Hanrahan, Mike Meagher, James McKiernan, Harry Crotty, Pat Ross, Mike Henahan, Martin Leahy, Ed Hourigan, James Houlihan, Martin O'Connell, John Meeks and John McHale. Tom Broderick was reported on the sick list, while James Langan, the railroad fireman who was hurt in a recent railroad wreck, was reported improving. It was decided to hold an initiation at the next meeting, July 27. The meeting was then turned over to the Entertainment Committee and the ladies admitted to the hall.

John J. Barry presided over the social session and called on President John H. Hennessey, who welcomed the ladies on behalf of the division, pledging their assistance to the auxiliary in any of their undertakings. State President Keenan made a few remarks, saying he would have plenty of news for the ladies on his return from the national convention. Miss Eugenia Cunningham rendered a piano solo in a very creditable manner. Dave Reilly and Mike Welsh, by special request, sang their respective successes, the "Irish Jubilee" and "The Pot of Boiling Water." Mrs. Mary O'Connell delivered a recitation, which was well received. Miss Carrie Swift was heartily applauded for her piano and vocal solos. Prof. W. T. Weaver and Prof. Steve Palmer were encored repeatedly for their rag-time singing and playing.

Short talks thanking Division 4 for its entertainment were made by Mrs. M. J. Hickey, Mrs. Margaret Foley, Mrs. Annie Nevin Cunningham, Misses Ella O'Connell, Bridget Hanrahan, Jennie McAvoy and Rose Sweeney. Lawrence Mackey, of Division 3, said that Division 4 had set the pace for the other divisions to follow in this respect. Tom Camfield remarked that he was always glad to be where the ladies are. State Secretary Joseph P. McGinn, by request, told of his unfortunate experience in trying to sit down in the "trick chair" at Paris last Sunday. William J. Connelly was escorted to the ante-room from the platform by a committee of ladies, assisted by Sergeant-at-Arms David Burke, as the auxiliary had voted him the most eligible man present for the leap year privilege. Mr. Donnelly excused his absence from the hall by saying that he was busy with the refreshments for the ladies. Every one present joined in singing "Old Kentucky Home" at the close of the meeting.

FEDERATION

Catholic Societies of Kentucky to Meet Here on July 24.

American Federation Will Be Invited to Meet in Louisville Next Year.

Official Summary of the Purpose, Aims and Objects of the Organization.

WILL HAVE REACHING INFLUENCE

The Kentucky Federation of Catholic Societies will meet in Louisville July 24. At this meeting an official invitation will be extended to the American Federation of Catholic Societies which meets in Detroit in August to hold its next meeting in Louisville in 1905. All the Catholic societies in Kentucky ought to send representatives to the meeting to be held here on the 24th in order that the State may be well represented at the national meeting.

The American Federation of Catholic Societies is destined to accomplish a great work. It was organized to promote and defend Catholic interests and Catholic citizenship. It will benefit each society that becomes a member. No initiation fee is charged, and the annual national membership fee is only two cents for each member. The Federation is strictly a laymen's movement, but it is intended that the members should co-operate with the clergy and lift some of the burdens from them. It has the approval of the clergy throughout the country. Through the blending of the influence of the national Catholic bodies their influence will be greatly increased.

While nearly all of the members of the societies have been informed of the general purposes, aims and objects of the Federation, it will not be out of place to give some extracts taken from the revised constitution, adopted at the last national convention of the Federation, held in Atlantic City. The work of the Federation as contemplated is presented in the following summary:

RELIGIOUS: a—Education (Catholic schools and colleges—universities). b—Literature (periodical press, books, Catholic literary societies, Catholic Truth Society). c—Emigration, homes for Catholic sailors, colonization, etc. d—Catholic conventions and demonstrations, Catholic congresses, State and national. SOCIAL: a—The poor and orphans. b—Labor (labor unions, strikes, etc.). c—Marriage and divorce. d—The Sunday observance. e—The correction of the abuse of liquor. f—The theater. g—Obscene literature, profanity, gambling, etc.

CIVIL: a—Religious rights of Catholics in State institutions, such as reformatories, prisons, workhouses, orphan and insane asylums; also in the public schools, sectarian exercises, anti-Catholic textbooks, and discrimination against Catholic teachers; also chaplains in the army and navy and soldiers' homes. b—The Catholic Indian and negro missions. c—Taxation of church property. d—Support of sectarian institutions. e—Protection of civil rights.

Article 3 of the constitution states that the Federation shall not, in any manner, interfere with the government or disturb the autonomy of any organization or society affiliated with it. Article 10 states that partisan politics shall not be discussed in any of the meetings of the convention of the Federation, or subordinate body of the Federation; nor shall this body or any subordinate body thereof endorse any candidate for public office. Article 11: This Federation shall not participate in any street parade or demonstration, except at its national convention, unless authorized by the Executive Board. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to revise all financial statements of the Federation prepared for publication. No State or County Federation shall take action upon a matter of national interest without first obtaining the consent of the National Executive Board. As a further protection, all important measures must be laid before and acted upon by the Advisory Board before being presented to the Executive Board; said Advisory Board consists of fifteen Archbishops and Bishops. The Treasurer shall be ineligible for more than two consecutive terms of one year each, nor shall the President be elected from the same State more than two consecutive terms of one year each.

Although only in existence a short time, the Federation has accomplished much, among other things: The repeal of the obnoxious marriage law in Cuba; betterment of conditions in the Philippine Islands; appointment of two Catholics on the Indian Commission; appointment of Catholics on the Philippine Commission; permission granted for the celebration of holy mass in the navy yards and public institutions, including prisons and reform schools; appointment of Catholic army chaplains; assisting Catholic Indian schools; assisting Catholic negro missions; introduction of Catholic books in public libraries; friendly relations between societies, especially of different nationalities; a move toward stricter divorce laws; revision of histories and books of reference prejudicial to the Catholic church; restoration by the Government of rations to Catholic Indian scholars.